

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7 as follows:

Cross-reference is made to co-pending U. S. Patent Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 10/734,392 entitled “Bed Rail With Clamping Force Indicator” (Attorney Docket No. 20341-72626) and U. S. Patent Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 10/734,346 entitled “Bed Rail With Fold Controller” (Attorney Docket No. 20341-73572), each of which is assigned to the same assignee as the present application, is filed concurrently herewith, and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 23 as follows:

Motion controller 24 is configured to move between a motion-limiting position shown, for example, in Fig. 6 and a motion-enabling position shown, for example, in phantom lines in Fig. 13. In the motion-limiting position, motion controller 24 blocks movement of movable jaw 22 away from fixed jaw 20 and, in the absence of application of an elevation adjustment force 51 to movable jaw 22, also blocks movement of movable jaw 22 toward fixed jaw ~~22~~ 20 to position movable jaw 22 and side rail 18 coupled thereto at a selected elevation. Motion controller 24 allows movement of movable jaw 22 toward fixed jaw 20 to clamp mattress 16 upon application of elevation adjustment force 51 to movable jaw when motion controller 24 is positioned in the motion-limiting position, as suggested in Figs. 8-10. In the motion-enabling position, motion controller 24 allows movement of movable jaw 22 toward fixed jaw 20 and allows movement of movable jaw 22 away from fixed jaw 20 to unclamp mattress 16.

Amendments to the Drawings

Submitted herewith is one replacement sheet amending Fig. 15 to add reference number 384 and its lead line.